WHEELING, W. VA., THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1890.

First Gun

FIRED BY JUDGE JOHNSON

His Skilfull Presentation Judge Fleming's Case Before the Joint Assembly.

He Appeals to Party Affilia tions and Party Prejudice Rather than to Reason.

THE TILDEN-HAYES CONTES'

Is Referred to and Cited as a Pre cedent for the Unseating of Goff.

Republicants Have Greater Hopes tha Goff Will be Soated Since Hearing Johnson's Speech-A Belief that the Judge's Heart Was Not in Ills Argument-A Field Day for the Repub-

Hean Side

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 22.-The first big gun has been fired, and opinions differ as to the noise it makes. After Judge Okey Johnson concluded his argument members and others of his audience gathered in knots to discuss crats are disappointed is to say th Some of them declare that Judge Johnson did himself and his cause injustice by failing to prepare himself thoroughly. Some say that he worked the majority report as a labor

saving machine, using its ample pages as erat said he had ridden thirty miles to hear Judge Johnson prove that Fleming was elected. When the Judge didn't prove it in the morning he thought he would in the alternoon, and when he didn't do it in the alternoon he thought maybe the Judge had forgot about it. This made the good man sad.

The fact is that Judge Johnson spok

with great freedom, and had at his fingers ends so much of his case as he de sired to use. He worked up shrewdly his raw material and very ingeniously talked away four and a half hours with out leaving matters much worse than he found them. It should be remembered that he was not trying to convince any-body on the Republican side that Goff body on the Republican side that Goff ought to be counted out. He was aiming at the forty-six who constitute the majority, and his object was to solidify them beyond any danger of disintegration; to padlock their inlinds against an intruding word of fact or law from the other side. He hardly got his mouth well open before he reminded the Democrats that they are lorty-six and the Republicans forty-five. This was to show them their power. His next move was to introduce the Tilden-Hayes campaign of 1876, and he did it with no minutes but that would have been too hold. It was infinitely more skillful to say it in four hours and a half, from the advocate's point of view. The scheme was well conceived.

WANTED TO HEAT PARTY SPIRIT. Republicans are disappointed that Judge Johnson did not attempt to pull apart the minority report. His method was much better for his purpose. It would have been better if he had given it a most careful reading, but he was not much concerned about reports. He was handling forty-six pieces of iron. His handling forty-six pieces of iron. His scheme was to get them hot enough to be hammered into a solid mass. Occasionally Senator Morris or Mr. Hubbard fired into him a question or an answer, but he took it all good naturedly. He permitted nothing to turn him from the one thing he was

Last winter the Judge was open to an engagement on the Republican side and as I followed him to-day I could not help wondering how different would have been the spectacle and the plan of campaign if he had been standing there the champion of Goff, the Republican, elected, instead of the advocate for Fleming, the Democrat, defeated.

Judge Johnson's tactics strengther the position of those Republicans who differ widely from your correspondent as to the probability of one or more Democrats being convinced by evidence or argument and swept from their party moorings. To-night there are more Republicans than ever who believe there is not only a chance for fair play to Goff and the people, but that Goff will be declared elected and saded. Mr. Hubbard goes on to-morrow and will probably take the whole day. His fame as a closs and losied reserves and hard hit-

coss and logical reasoner and hard integrating talker invests with deep interest for the Democrats as well as Republicans his part of the discussion.

Democrats are predicting that Chairman Kee, who comes in on the round ap, will lay Goff wide open. This, too, will be entertaining.

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Judge Fleming arrived this afternoon, having been delayed by a railroad mishap somewhere between here and the "interior." He does not desire to appear before the joint session. C. B. H.

OPENING ARGUMENT.

Judge Johnson | States | Flemings

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jen. 22,-At 10:45 this morning the Senate entered the hall of the House. The spare seats on floor were already taken and the galwhites on the right and the blacks on the left, according to the unwritten law of the House. But few ladies were present. General Goff, who sat in the rear of the Republican side, was the most prominent figure in the assemblage His face expressed the calm confide and determination of a man sure of his ground. He was never more confident then at that moment when the climan was approaching in the most remarkable history of the State. When the counsel came in and took seats at the bar Gen-eral Goff joined them, facing the assem-

of order and Judge Okey Johnson didressed the court.

"If any," he said, "had come to hear a pyrotechnic display or an eloquem theech, they would be disappointed," the came in the confident belief that the sause he represented was a just one. He came in the confident belief that the sause he represented was a just one, like recited the history of the election, saying that on the face of these returns locked up from all over the State it appeared that Goff was elected by 110 burality.

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Resuming, he said that these nominees were well known distinguished men. and were delivered to the Speaker under the constitution and laws, sin question arose whether lit was in the power of the Speaker to de aught but open the returns and declare what appeared on the face of these returns. Judge Fleming had given notice of contest, which was filed in joint session. You remember what occurred, and the comments in the State papers with regard to what was done. Forty-five members wanted the result declared forty-six declined to do it. From that day to this it has been spread broadcast that these forty-six men, backed by their party, were trying to steal the Governorship of West Virginia. He was sorry that anybody could be so blinded by partisan zeal as not to admit in others as much honesty as he claimed for himself. These forty-six men who refused to declare the result was related to and were delivered to the Speaker under "I neven had any doubt on the anbject. If I had been on this floor, having sworn with uplifted hand to obey the Constitution, I would have voted precisely as 'the '49 voted. 'In the scheme of our Constitution it never was contemplated that the 'Chief Executive should ever take his seat upon a doubtful title and then be ousted from that position.

Our Constitution is clear that befor the Governor is seated it shall be show clearly who is elected. This is the view that one of the Judges of the Supremo Court took." Judge Johnson read at length from

ALLEGED INFALLIBILITY OF COURT OF LAS

Judge Snyder's opinion in the case of Goff vs. Wilson, in which the action of the joint assembly is declared to be was said not to be law. If time shall ever come when the adjudications of the court of last resort shall be treated as of no effect, then is the sheet anchor of our liberties, gone. I believe in the infallibility of the court of last resort as the Oatholic believes in the infallibility of the Pose.

Then who shall say it is au outrage that Gov. Wilson has been kept in his position for ten months and that Goff was not seated as Governor in March last. Away with the charge in the minority report that it is your duty to seat Goff during the trial of this contest." Senator Maxwell—The report doesn't say that, Mr. Johnson.

Judge Johnson—I may have been in error as to the language of the report, but that is ta purport. Great stress is laid on the fact that the returns on their face show Goff was elected Governor.

face show Golf was elected Governor We cannot accept the doctrine that under any circumstances the face of the

returns must be accepted.

NATIONAL ELECTION OF 1876.
In 1876 it was claimed by the Demo cratic party that on the face of the re turns Tilden was elected President, and under the Constitution it was claimed by many Democrats he ought to be scated. What was done? The Republican said no. The great Republican party demanded to go behind the returns and the people, and Allen G. Thurman consented ou the ground that it was necessary to save the country. In this case this course was necessary. This august tribunal is here to say who was elected tribunal is here to say who was elected.

tribunal is here to say who was elected Governor on November 6, 1888.

For the peace and safety of the State it matters not which one is elected. For the sake of the purity of ballot it matters everything. People talk about the cost of the contest. Why, for a principle you would put your hands in the Trensury to take out the last dollar. You would put bards on the State for a principle.

This Legislature could not be expected to look into all this evidence, and so a committee is provided for to whom all papers in the contest shall be given, and by whom all evidence shall be heard. About 15,000 manuscript pages of testimony were taken, seven largo octavo volumes of 1,000 pages each. The committee could not have acted in less time and are entitled to the thanks of the people.

Where votes should not have been rejected in Hancock county Joseph Dean (Rep.), charged with non-residence and being a minor, the vote was rejected by a party vote. That ought to have been itsed, too. So with the case of Gorge McKinley, of the same county old manuscript pages and the latest the county, the proof shows he voted a smooth, slick ticket, proved to be a Democratic ticket. He talked Demo-

AS JUDGE JOHNSON SEES IT.

Now there is a majority report and a minority report. This is the first contest for Governor that ever has come to a trial. This might be decided not to come to a trial. The legal difficulty at the threshold is, what weight ought to be given to the report of that committee? The majority say Fleming's plurality is 237 votes. The minority say Goff was elected by 140 votes. When a majority of a court, when it decides, is a quorum, that decision standars law. This report that decision stands as law. This report may be likened to the report of a Commissioner of Chancery. (General Goff

missioner of Chancery. (General Goff smiling very much).

"It would be impossible, said Judge Johnson, for the chancellor to wade through all that. I here comes the commissioner, who at his leisure wades through them. Exceptions to the commissioner's report must be made specific and will not be sustained unless the report is plainly erroneous. The majority is the report sustained unless the report is plainly Judge Johnson said both were bad votes, ferroneous. The majority is the report and ought to have been thrown out. It of the committee; the minority may be regarded as the exceptions. You must decide whether, these exceptions are well, taken, and notwithstanding all their labor they were wrong and Goff has a majority."

Mr. Hubbard—That is not the reason they give.

Mr. Johnson—I don't know what else COULDN'T HAVE READ MANY REPORTS.

Judge Johnson then took up the ma ority report, remarking that he would challenge comparison between this report and any report ever filed in any contest in this country. The committee cannot be charged with having acted on a wrong principle or done any wrong. The majority oftener erred against Flem-ing than against Goff. The greatest number of votes challenged and thrown

bly. The President of the Senate called for order and Judge Okey Johnson of circumstantial evidence to show that addressed the court.

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the Democratic side: "He was right," and "That's so." Everybody smiled and some ladies laughed.

The question of residence was taken

Proudfoot was charged with non-res dence in the county and State. The vote was unnuimously rejected. So with Floyd Earst, Ike Eichelberger, Wilcher Snodgrass, minors (Dem.) votes unani-mously rejected. SOME BROOKE COUNTY CASES.

came from Steubenville and voted the Republican ticket. Vote rejected 3 to 2. William Moore, of Bethany. Charge, non-residence. Vote rejected 3 to 2. C. W. Wallace, same county, charged with non-residence, rejected 4 to 1.
"George Cox, (Rep.) voted in Lazearville; charged with non-residence, and
no doubt of the truth of it. Vote re

jected 3 to 2."
Senator Morris—Mr. Johnson, you will find that this vote was afterwards rejected unanimously.

Judge Johnson—Then they were

right.
Mr. Morris—As they were always.
Mr. Johnson—Ahal
Mr. Hubbørd—You will find Wallace's case the same.
Mr. Johnson—I am glad you fixed Mr. Johnson—18 Bin gian you. Execution up.
Mr. Morris—I am sorry, Judge, that you have not read the minority report.
Mr. Johnson—Yes, I have. Thornton Martin's vote was thrown out, though he was a Democrat.
Mr. Hubbard—Who voted to reject him?

Mr. Johnson-Well, that time Brother Kee went wrong and voted with the

In the case of W. N. Dixon, of Mason county, the proof shows he voted a smooth, elick ticket, proved to be a Democratic ticket. He talked Democratic. Vote rejected by two Republicans and Mr. Kee (Dem.)

The vote of James Powers, of Marshall county, was rejected on the ground onon-residence. Judge Johnson said he was clearly not entitled to vote.

Mr. Hubbard—The question was as to how he voted. That was not shown. how he voted. That was not shown. Mr. Johnson—It was shown that h Mr. Johneon—It was shown that be went to the polls in company with two Republicans, Meighen and Lorans, who were auxious to get his vote in. James Cunningham, of Cameron district, Marshall county, was shown to be a non-resident. He had said he was going to vote the Republican ticket.

Mr. Hubbard—It was shown that he voted the Democratic ticket in 1884.

OUTO COUNTY SITATIONS. In Ohio County Judge Johnson took up cases of Edwin C. Ewing and Fritz Moller, charged, with non-residence. They voted the Republican ticket. The votes were rejected by a party vote. Judge Johnson said both were bad votes,

it can be. a.Mr. Morris—You'll find it in Molter's case on page 414.

Mr. Hubbard—Will you refer to your authority which sustains that view?

Mr. Johnson—I haven't time now. My colleague will. In Raleigh county James Kidnell, charged with non-residence, had said he thought he had no right to vote, Republican; rejected by a nativ vote.

this next one. This is the case of the twins. In Roane county H. S. and P. S. Greathouse were charged with being micea. This part of his argument had little attraction for members, who took up their newspapers or fell to writing.

Mr. Hubbard wanted to know whether the joint assembly had not passed a resolution extending the time testing the were born on the 23th of November, 1867. The father was uncertain about the date, thought have been taken later than March been done if there had been no resolution.

At 12:30 the joint session adjourned for dinner.

Creathouse were charged with being minors. They were thing hors. They were thing hors. They were there of them testified they were born on the 23th of November, 1867. The father was uncertain about the date, though they were born October 25, 1867, Thoy voted the Republican ticket.

Yote rejected, and properly. In Harrison county John F. Paugh, a non-resident; went West intending to return. At 12:30 the joint session adjourned for dinner.

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JUDGE JOHNSON CONTINUES

this His Argument at the Afternoon Session of Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 22.—At able neel and Judge Johnson continued his argument, reading freely from the strong (Dem.); was a Federal official in strong (Dem.); was a Federal official in

BROOKE AND BRAXTON CASES. BROOKE AND BRAXTON CASES.

Taking up the Brooke county case, Judge Johnson read from the majority report at length. "The majority has thrown out seventy votes on the ground that they were not polled within the magesterial district in which they lived. It may be said that this operates as a hardship, but it is the law. The district line was established." line was established."
Mr. Hubbard—Where is the evidence

this is no reason why the law shall not be respected.

In the Braxton county case it is very different. Here it is charged by General Golf that certain persons were not residents of Holly district, where they voted. The majority hold that a certain order of the County Court did not change the boundary lines between Otter and Holly districts, and eight voters attacked by the contestee were residents of Otter District and entitled to vote therein. For the same reason five votes contested by Fleming must be rejected.

Judge Johnson said there was a wide difference between the Brooke and Braxton cases. In Braxton the County Court in 1872 had laid district lines and had the right to, It was not so in Brooke, where the facts are quite different, and it is clear that seventy voters voted outside of their district.

THE KANAWHA RECOUNT is apparent that the action of the Coun

Mas to McDowell and Mercer, the mi-nority agree with the majority that many of these yotes are bad, but they say, "You haven't proven how they voted." Why, they were nearly all colored men, and colored men are Republicaus almost to a man. They don't fit a Democratic cau-cus; they don't fit a Democratic proces-sion. It is shown that they were non-residents, attracted there from Virginia to work in collieries. Many of these voters disappeared from the pay rolls o collieries immediately after the election It is shown that they went to Republican meetings and cheered Republicar orators.

Mr. Hubbard—Do you mean that to

"The majority report, save perhaps in a few instances, is fully justified by facts If you go over the report you would find the plurality even greater for Flem Mr. Johnson—Yes, I have. Thornton Martin's vote was thrown out, though he was a Democrat. It is a first that the was a Democrat. It is a first that a repet the was a Democrat. It is a first that a repet that a rep joint assembly adjourned to to-morro w

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Bills Reported Favorably-Interest in the Ballet Reform Menaure. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 22.—The Senate met to-day and adjourned without transacting any business of import-

In the House, Mr. Harr, (Dem.) of Marion, from the Committee on Mines and Mining, reported back! House bill No. 19, providing for the screening, weighing and measuring of coal, with Mr. Garden, (Dem.) of Ohio, from the Mr. Garden, (Dem.) of Ohio, from the Committee on Railroads, reported back House bill No. 14, "requiring railroad companies to give notice at stations whether passenger trains are on schedule time or not;" and House bill No. 13, providing for the legal and in the State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freight, and to prohibit companies in this state from charging other than just and reasonable rates. other than just and reasonable rates node of procedure and rules of evidence the recommendation that both do pass.
Mr. Sprigg's anti-trust bill was up and had numerous amendments tacked on had numerous amendments tacked on it and is the pending question for to-morrow on Mr. Hanan's motion to refer

morrow on Mr. Hanan's motion to refer to the committee. The ballot reform bill will probably A special effort is being made to re-peal the school book contract law, and there is considerable sentiment in favor

No Beason for Reorganization.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
CHABLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 22.—The State convention called to meet here to-day to reorganize the Republican called to order. The parties who called the convention concluded that it was advisible to let it drop.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

The Deadlock in the House Continues

Business at a Standstill.

DESMOINES, IA., Jan. 22.—The deadthe election of a United States Senator and the inauguration of the new Democratic Governor seem further off than ever. How the two parties stand was sharply defined in the lower house this afternoon. Richman, of Muscatine, in a speech, said the Democrats rightly dethe election of a United States Senator sharply defined in the lower house this afternoon. Richman, of Muscatine, in a speech, said the Democrats rightly demanded the Speakership because a majority of the voters were with them and would sustain the demand. Chase (Rep.) spoke, saying that the Republicans had a majority on main questions especially prohibition, and they proposed to stand together.

Four fruitless ballots were taken and the House adjourn till to-morrow.

SMITH GETS THERE

The House Elections Committee

JACKSON TO BE BOUNCED

Captain Smith as entitled to the seat.

DEMOCRATS AFRAID

That the Republicans Will Rush Thro

House to-day M. McKinley, of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back the administrative bill and it was referred to the committee of the whole committee, stating that as soon as the committee was in session he would move that it rise and that the House adjourn. But this did not prove satisfactory to the Democrats and Mr. Crisp moved an adjournment. The Speaker decided the motion lost—83 to 88; and the yeas and hays were called for. The motion to adjourn was lost—yeas 94 nays 100.

The reason underlying Mr. Crisp's motion to adjourn was that he feared that the Committee on Elections might report on the contested election case of Smith vs. Jackson, from the Fourth West Virginia district. He does not desire (and in this has the full support of

West Virginia district. He does not de-sire (and in this has the full support of the Democratic side of the House) that any of the contested cases shall be called up while the House is devoid of any regular rules for its government and is dependent on the general parliamentary law as construed by the Speaker.

Mr. Johnson—All the colored men.
Mr. Hubbard—Will you 'refer me to the evidence that shows it?

Mr. Johnson—I- well—I havn't- it here. (Laughter on Republican side.)

Mr. Johnson—I well—I havn't- it here. (Laughter on Republican side.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.-The sub committee of the Special House Com-mittee on the World's Fair was called proposition to select the site for the World's Fair by ballot in the House to-morrow. The session did not last more than half an hour as it was evident that the sub-committee was hopelessly divided upon the proposition, and it will report to the full committee to-morrow that it has had the proposition under consideration and has come to no conclusion thereon.

Pecial Disputch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The Presider to-day sent in the name of D. C. Bough ner to the Senate to be postmaster a

ner to the obtained.

Clarksburg.

N. Cole, vice J. R. Shaven, resigned, has been appointed postmaster at Seven Pines, Marion county, W. Va.

Oephas Kinney, of Cameron, was granted an increase in his pension to-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22 .- At to w Ashington, D. C., Jan. 22.—At to-day's session of the United States Potday's States Potday's session of the United States Potday's States Potday S erpool; Second Vice President, George W. Oliver; Third Vice President, S. J. Scott, of Cincinnati; Treasurer, J. H. Goodwin, of East Liverpool; Secretary,

DEATH OF JOHN MSWEENEY

Acute Paeumonia.
WOOSTER, O., Jan. 22.—Hon. John

ter, N. Y., about 65 years ago. The boy received his schooling at the Western Reserve College and studied law with John Harris in Cincinnati. In 1845 he ame to this city.

He had two daughters and one so

Glass Workers Threaten to Strike

Serving His Fourth Term

Decides in His Favor.

of the Scat He Had No Lega Right to-The Case May be Presented to the House of Representatives To-day.

WASHINGTON, D. O., Jan. 22,-Th Elections Committee had up for further consideration to-day the Fourth District ontest case, and by a strict party vote t was decided to declare in favor of dence taken, as several days would be consumed in the process, and the mem-bers of the committee were well acquain-ted with the facts and legal points in-

ted with the facts and legal points involved.

A minority report will of course be presented and both reports may be presented to morrow. They will then be placed on the calendar and will be called up for action in due time. Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, will probably present the majority report, and Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, the minority.

THE WORLD'S PAIR

ub-Committee Hopelessly Divided on

Executive Committee—Homer Laugh in, H. S. Knowles and J. H. Goodwin of East Liverpool; John Moore, Josep Willets, J. H. Brewer, of Trenton, N. J and E. M. Pearson, of Wheeling W. Ve Several pottery companies were admitte to member hip, among them the Rock wood, of Cincinnati.

One of Ohlo's Most Noted Lawyers' fro

McSweeney, the most prominent criminal lawyer in Ohio, died at his home in this city, at 11 o'clock last night, from acute pneumonis.
Mr. McSweeney was born near Roche

ne latter ex-Prosecuting Attorney

Wayne county.

Politically, Mr. McSweeney was
Democrat, but ne never sought office
He paid considerable attention to pol
tics. He loved his family and his pro-

Flint Glass Workers Association will order a strike Friday if the manufacturers he American Association has already paid out several thousand dollars to sup-port them in the strike. The manufac-urers deny filling such orders.

JOLIET, ILL., Jan. 22.-Frank Dutcher, noted burglar and thief, well known broughout Northern Illinois and Wisconsin, was returned to Joliet prison

ROCHESTER, Jan. 22.-The German nurderer, Michael Schieber, who escaped from a Minneapolis detective from Central train yesterday, was captured

rom Cleveland-Like Crear he but Gently

ford, editor of the Kansas City Times, Hot of the Clayton District Court has who is visiting New York, has had an passed sentence upon probably the interesting interview with ex-President youngest life convict ever sent up in this lleveland. From the account which he country. His name is John Wesley El kins, and the offense charged was that kins, and the olense charged was that of the murder of his father. He also murdered his mother at the same time. He was indicted for both offenses, but as he pleaded guilty to the first the other was not tried. The boy is only 12 years

lowing portions of general interest "Mr. Cleveland has lost none of the real for the tariff reform which inspired his celebrated message. 'It is a most gratifying thing to me,' he said, that the masses, as well as the leaders of the party are taking hold of the tariff issue with such spirit and evident determination to win. Even now, when there are no elections pending, they are discussing this question with as much earnestness as if in the heat of a Presidential campaign. Letters from every part of the country show the depth of the agitation. When the people think about a thing thoroughly and dispassionately they do not fall into instakes, and they are now aroused and making a personal application to themselves out of the effect of undue taxation."

I said to Mr. Cleveland that the Democratic party was already preparing for

paign with expectancy and confidence and that the sentiment was virtuall unanimous that he should be our leader

unanimous that he should be our leader,
"As to that," he replied, "it is the
cause, and not personal considerations
that should concern us. I am so well
situated now that if I consulted my own
feelings, I would prefer to have some
one else take the lead."
"But," said I, "no one else is thought
of among the Democratic unasses."
"Men who have stements of leader

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A NATIONAL UNION Formed by the Partisan Woman

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 22.—The con vention called by a committee of ladies connected with the Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the purpose of organizing a National Union was opened this morning at Music Hall One hundred delegates from a dozen States were present. The morning was devoted to prayer and Bible reading Mrs. Ellen J. Phinney, of this city, pre-sided.

ion was opened with devotional exer-ises, led by Mrs. Hugh Campbell, of Allegheny City, after which letters were

Mrs. Aldrich, of Iowa, moved that

Committee on Constitution be appointed consisting of one member from each state represented. This was agreed to, and the delegations named their own representatives,

Among the committee appointed were the following: Pennsylvania, Mrs. Joseph D. Weeks; West Virginia, Mrs. Swaney; Ohio, Mrs. Plum. On the Committee on Resolutions were: West Virginia, Mrs. Swaney; Pennsylvania, Miss Etta J. Clark; Ohio, Mrs. H. Hatch.

NELLIE BLYS ROUTE.

Ten Hours.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 22.—F. B. Semple, at midnight last night received a tele-Trinidad, Thursday morning. There she would take a special train for Coun-

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The newly organ zed Illinois chapter of the Sons of the and Illinois chapter of the Sons of the searching for a new creed in the depth of winter they ought to be following the yesterday afternoon. There were present many well known men who have hunted yesterday afternoon. There were present many well known men who have hunted through the records and discovered that their ancestors were heart and soul for liberty in the days of '76,' Gen. George Crook occupied the chairman's place, and Dr. G. Babbott acted as temporary secretary. Bishop Cheney and Captain Robins brought in a constitution and a set of by-laws and their report was received and adopted. General Crook was elected President for the ensuing year. yesterday afternoon. There were present

FALL RIVER, MASS., Jan. 22.-The nanagers of a number of big mill have een watching the result of the profits haring experiment at the Bourg mill nd it has stated on good authority that help from leaving, an evil with which every large mill has had to contend.

Barly Morning Fire.

this morning fire broke out at No 6 lew minutes the upper floors of the

Columbus O. Jan 22 -The first in portant step looking to the amalgamation has been taken. Both the Miners' Pro-gressive Union and National District Assembly 135, Knights of Labor, at con-ventions to-day declared in favor of one

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Jan. 22,-The Rainey, one of the best known ranchmen in Texas died yesterday from la grippe. Immediately after his death Catarrhal Pneumonia Among Cattle. LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 22.

Aged Victim of Infine Amesaury, Miss., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Polly Osgood, who celebrated her 10th birth-day January 10, died last night of in-fluenza.

pneumonia has developed among a herd

of cattle at Eden and several animals

have already died. The State authori-

FATAL NATURAL GAS Ever Sentenced in the Country-Killed His Father and Mother.

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DES MOINES. IOWA. Jan. 22,-Judge An Awful Explosion at Pittsburgh and Nine Victims.

A HOUSE IS BLOWN TO ATOMS Miraculous Escape-John Slip's

Frightful Death-Terribly

Burned and Maugled. PITTSBURGH, PA., Jan. 22.-An explo this morning completely wrecked a three story frame dwelling on Thirty-eighth near Butler street, killing one person almost instantly and seriously injuring

was not tried. The boy is only 12 years told.

On the night of July 17 he shot his is father with a rifle, while he was asleep, and selzed a club which he had placed conveniently near and beat his mother's head to a jeily. His infant sister, who was sleeping with his parents, he carefully washed and dressed and took in grandfather's. He was stopped on the way by neighbors, and when interrogated told a story of murder by unknown parties. Ho was not suspected at first, but his peculiarly calm behavior led to his arrest a week after. He confessed the crime, and gave as his motive that he had desired to leave home and shift for himself, but his parents had objected. He pleaded guilty of murder, and was given the full limit of the law. Killed-John Ship, aged 38 years. Injured - MRS. THEODORE RENGER aged 38 years, badly burned and bruised ANNIE BENJAMIN and KATE RINGER

eight others. Their names are

her children, aged respectively three, five and eight years, but burned and ornised; not dangerour. MRS. JOHN SLIP, aged about 30 years

tole Are Used in Which One Man

years there has been a heated contro-

versy in the county over the removal of the county seat from Blenco to Johnson

A BRUTAL FIGHT

tween Two Laborers to Settle an Ol

Grudge.
SEATTLE, WASH., Jan. 22.—One of the

nost brutal fights in the history of this

of Seattle, yesterday, between two la

were two seconds or time-keepers, th

Maltreatment of the Dead. WILKESBARRE, PA., Jan. 22.-The Po-

The Supreme Court of Appeals of this State was in session at Charleston Tuesday with all the Judges present. The following orders were made:

Leonard vs. Smith, from Upshur

ond \$250.

McFarland vs. Fish from Jackson ounty; appeal and supersedeas allowed; ond \$250.

county; petition for appeal refused.

McCollen vs. Bragg, et als, from Cabell
county; petition for wit of error refused.

Ohio Valley Gas Company vs. Scott, et als., from Hancock county; petition for appeal and supersedeas refused.

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Kile vs. Kile, from Roane county
petition for appeal and supersedeas re

Kanawha county; certiorari awarded. In the matter of the petition of John

TERSE TELEGRAMS

terrible weather at sea.

Elliot P. Kisner, of Luzerne county, Pa.

At Jackson, Miss., yesterday, memo-

al services commemorating the death Jefferson Davis were held in the State

The Freeman Wire and Iron company's mills at East St. Louis were burned yesterday. Loss \$100,000; insured for \$60,000. The works will be rebuilt.

Thirteen hundred working girls held a reunion and a ball in New York the other evening. All of them were dressed in cheese cloth of yarious colors. There wasn't a man present.

was yesterday elected chairman Democratic State committee.

Annir Slir, her daughter, dangerous-ly burned; very serious.

Mrs. PAUL MELCHER, aged 60 years, badly cut and brulsed; quite serious.

PAUL MELCHER, aged 70 years, slightly tin says: News was received this morning of a terrible shooting affair at Johnson City, Blanco county, about sixty

The exprosion was caused by a reas, in the cellar. About half-past 9 o'clock Mrs. Ringer started down into the cellar with a lighted candle. Before she reached the foot of the stairs the gas ig-nited and a terrific explosion followed, which shook all the buildings in the vi-

HOUSE LIFTED FROM ITS FOUNDATIONS tions and blown to pieces. At the time there were ten persons in the building there were ten persons in the building and all but one infant were more or less injured. John Slip was the first taken from the ruins. He was frightfully burned and mangled and unconscious, dying in a few minutes after his rescue. Mrs. Ringer was buried in the debris and was seriously burned. Mr. and Mrs. Melcher, the aged couple, were asleep on the third floor at the time and were buried in the ruins. The old lady-intrinsic and conveyed to Blanco to prevent his being lynched. He claims that a min in the Johnson City crowd commenced the shooting. Much excitement prevails, and it is feared many men will be killed before the affair ends. the third noor at the time and were bu-rid in the ruins. The old lady's injeries are serious. An infant belonging to Mrs. Slip was taken from the ruins uninjured. It was neatling in its cradle and had not received a scratch.

The Erin Twenty-five Days Out and Nothin LONDON, Jan. 22.-The National Line teamer Erin, Captain Pyson from New York for London, has now been out 25 days, and there is hardly any doubt in orers named Avery and Callahan, who maritime circles that some disaster has befallen her. The fears concerning her safety have been greatly augumented by a report made by the British steamer Greole, Captain Darling, at Bremen from New Orleans, which on January 9 saw a steamer's life boat adrift bearing the name Erin. The Creole brought the boat alongside and took from it ten ash oars and a mast and sail. A life buoy, a steamer bridge and an awning were also seen floating near the life boat.

The Erin was a bark rigged fron screw steamer of 4,500 gross tons. She was built at New Castle in 1864. She was twenty-lour days out from New York yesterday and had not been spoken. She had a deck load of cattle in pens and a general cargo. She carried no passengers. She was commanded by Cantain Trace, was defined to the safety of the sa maritime circles that some disaster has nen mutually agreeing to strip to the waist and fight till one was whipped.

The fight took place in a hall and lasted over forty-five minutes, neither man appearing to get any advantage. They were compelled to stop from sheer exhaustion. Avery was terribly beates about the head and body and is now, in bed suffering from his injuries. He is supposed to be injured internally, as he has been spitting blood since the fight. Callahan, though severely punished, is able to be around.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Jan. 22.—The Polish church war at Plymouth was renewed this evening. The Polish faction, led by Martin Wiles, their leader, went to the cemetery and, dug Standard of the older vessels of the suffices and standard of the older vessels of the of t

newed this evening. The Polish fac-tion, led by Martin Wiles, their leader, went to the cemetery and dug up some bodies of the Lithnan-ians, the opposing faction, who were buried under police protection yester-day. The coffins were broken open and the bodies dragged over the ground and thrown over the fence. Two bodies were treated thus, and they were horri-bly lacerated by pick axes used in break-ing open the coffins. National Line. LONDON, Jan. 22.-Nothing has been ablished here in regard to the report that the Bank of England has really been that the Bank of England has really been a heavy purchaser of silver bullion and was contemplating the issue of pound notes redeemable in silver coin, as the necessary authority could be obtained. Careful inquiries in financial circles this morning resulted in showing that few had heard of the report and they were incredulous as to its accuracy. The chief financial authorities expressed the opinion that the report was wholly without foundation in fact. They asserted positively that the Bank of Engreted positively. serted positively that the Bank of Eng-land had made no such purchase of bullion and was not buying silver now.

London, Jan. 22.—The U. S. S. Enterprise with the body of Mr. George II. Pendleton, late United States Minister

day from Antwerp. After taking on board a supply of coal and replenishing her stores the Enterprise will proceed for New York. No Commercial Ventures Possible.

he opinion that no commercial ventures are possible in those portions of the country through which he has traveled. Singular Cause for the Rumor. Singular Cause for the Rumor.

London, Jan. 22.—There is a widespread rumor that the Pope is dead.

This appears to have been caused by an
unusual and unlooked for announcement that he is in perfect health, and
has received several bishops.

est to the East coast of Africa, is of

used.

Boggs vs. Bodkin, from Braxton
county; petition for relearing refused.

Alkire vs. Alkire, from Hampshire
county; submitted on briefs.

State vs. Evans, from Hampshire Parnell's Suit Against the "Time London, Jan. 22.—The trial of the ac-tion brought by Mr. Parnell against the Times for libel has been fixed for Feb-

In the matter of the petition of John D. Alderson, for a rule to be awarded against John S. Cunningham, one of the commissioners of the Kanawha County Court, to show cause why he should not be proceeded against for contempt of an order of this Court, the rule prayed for was awarded, returnable on next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

H. B. Gilkeson, of Hampshire county, was admitted to practice: We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satis-faction. We do not hesitate to guaranthe them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfac-tory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. Logan Drug Co., druggists. Several steamships were required to put into Halifax for coal. They report

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"Ir's only a question of time," and a short time, too, as to when your rheu-matism will yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it. BUCKEYE EXTRACTS are strong and sweet, put up in a style so neat that they are mighty hard to beat. At all grocers